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The reply filed on Sept. 14, 1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): since Group I, claims 1-13 and 15-29 were elected to be examined, Applicant was required to elect **one species** to be examined **from each** of the following three groups:

- a) **peptide**: carboxymethyl-modified, carboxymethyl-lysine-modified, and synthetic,
- b) **derivatization of the peptide**: aryl, alkyl, acetyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, and carboxymethyl, and
- c) **compound**: net negative charge, net positive charge, SRAGE, peptidomimetic, organic molecule, polypeptide, nucleic acid, inorganic molecule, less than 10,000 daltons, antibody, humanized, chimeric, primatized, mutated AGE and mutated RAGE, quinine, derivative of quinine, quinidine and derivative of quinidine.

Therefore, Applicant is required to elect one species of peptide, one species of peptide derivatization and one species of compound for further examination on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer,

within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of
5 this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner
should be directed to Eileen B. O'Hara, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3312. The examiner
can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

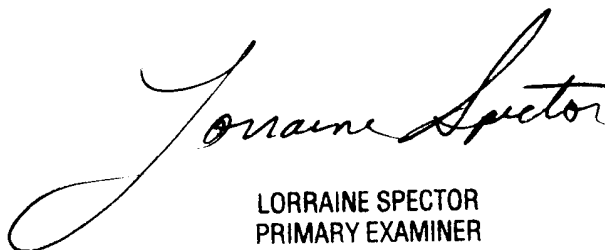
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,
10 Paula Hutzell, can be reached at (703) 308-4310.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be
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